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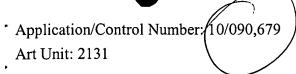
## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith et al.
- 3. As per claims 1-2, Smith et al. discloses a method of providing secure access to a service(i.e. document) on a web server to each of plurality of recipients of an electronic message(see col. 5, lines 39-42, col. 7, lines 20-22), facilitating automatic creation of a first electronic message directed to the plurality of recipients by a first user(see col. 7, lines 20-30), wherein the first electronic message includes a permission to access the service based on a public key of each recipient and is signed with a digital signature of the first user(see col. 7, lines 20-30); automatically creating from the first electronic message a plurality of electronic messages each includes a copy of the first message(see col. 7, lines 20-40); distributing one of the plurality of electronic messages to each of the plurality of recipients(see col. 7, lines 20-40); receiving from at least one of the plurality of recipients on the plurality of electronic messages(see col. 7, lines 20-40); automatically verifying the digital signature of the first user in the received electronic messages by the web server; providing access to the service if step(e) produces a positive result(see col. 7, lines 30-51). The Examiner asserts that if the key is valid the document will be decrypted, and the user will be able to view the document. Thus, producing a positive



result. Further, Smith et al. discloses a message transfer system(i.e. delivery server)(see col. 7, lines 30-31).

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jenise E Jackson whose telephone number is (703) 306-0426. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) alternate Friday's.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on (703) 305-9648. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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